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I am very disappointed that the government has caved in to the Microsoft Corporation. First, \$1 billion is a drop in the bucket compared to what they have cheated its customers and suppliers out of. Second, the \$half billion in software devoted to operating systems(OS) costs Microsoft practically nothing and gives their monopoly in operating systems a boost, giving them new markets(some punishment!). Third, there is no protection from or punishment of Microsoft continuing its monopolistic practices.

Red Hat has offered to give these schools free operating systems if the amount Microsoft was to use for OSes is given to the schools in cash instead of software. This seems like a good deal too good to refuse!

Please put me on any mailing list you have that would keep me informed about what you are discussing or doing on the Microsoft matter.

Thank you,
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